ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a method of and system for recognizing the device format preference for excerpted electronic program guide information for a device on an IHDN network. The device connects to the network, which has an XML data repository. An XSL stylesheet request for excerpted EPG information, including a device format preference, is sent from the device over the IHDN network to an XSLT engine in communication with the XML data repository. The device format preference from the XML data repository on the network is used so that the network can recognize the device. It also further relates to extracting the requested excerpted EPG information by the XSLT engine from the XML data repository, formatting the excerpted EPG information in accordance with the data format preference of the device, and sending the excerpted EPG information by the XSLT engine to the device over the IHDN network.